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Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia: draft resolution

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Central Asian region

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind paragraph 60 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament, 1/ which states that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among States of the region concerned constitutes an important disarmament measure and thus enhances regional and global peace and security,

Recalling article VII of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 2/ which acknowledges the right of any group of States to conclude regional treaties in order to ensure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories,

Recognizing the importance of the Antarctic Treaty and the Treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba, establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones in the various regions of the world, as well as of unilateral measures of States to declare their territory a nuclear-weapon-free zone,

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1/ Resolution S-10/2.

2/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 729, No. 10485.

Taking note with appreciation of the declarations made at the highest level by the Governments of the States of the Central Asian region of their interest in and willingness to create a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region,

Believing that the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Central Asian region, as in other regions, will promote strengthening of the security of the States concerned, as well as stability of the region,

1. Welcomes the intention of the States of the Central Asian region to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region;

2. Also welcomes with satisfaction the declarations of the States of the Central Asian region of their interest in and willingness to create a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region;

3. Commends the concrete steps taken so far by the States of the Central Asian region to eliminate the arsenals and infrastructure of nuclear weapons, as well as to declare their territories nuclear-weapon-free zones;

4. Calls upon the five nuclear-weapon States and other States to support the idea of establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Central Asian region, to extend necessary cooperation in the efforts to establish the zone as well as to refrain, pending the establishment of the zone, from any action contrary to the spirit of that objective;

5. Invites the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, as well as other relevant United Nations organs and bodies, to render all appropriate assistance, which the States of the Central Asian region may seek, in undertaking studies on the modalities of creating such a zone;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to communicate with the States of the region and other concerned States in order to ascertain their views on the issue and to promote consultations among them, with a view to exploring the possibilities of undertaking and furthering the objectives of the establishment of the zone;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Central Asian region".